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FY 2000 INS Removals Show Slight Increase

WASHINGTON – The removal of criminal and other illegal aliens by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) reached 181,572 at the end of FY 2000, according to preliminary data.

The total reflects an increase of 1 percent over FY 1999, when INS removed 180,008 criminal and other illegal aliens from the United States.

The removals include 69,093 criminal removals and 112,479 non-criminal removals. Drug convictions (41 percent), criminal violations of immigration law (20 percent), convictions for assault (8 percent), burglary (4 percent) and robbery (4 percent) accounted for most of the criminal alien removals. INS now removes about 1,328 criminals every week.

The expedited removal process—which was established by Congress to remove aliens who arrive at ports of entry with fraudulent, improper or no entry documents—removed 85,796 illegal aliens for the fiscal year, a decrease of approximately 4 percent from FY 1999. The largest number of expedited removals occurred in San Diego, Calif.; (48,332), Phoenix, Ariz.; (9,402), and Harlingen (6,956), El Paso (6,303) and San Antonio (4,243), all in Texas.

The year-end statistics for FY 2000 are preliminary. Historically, there are significant upward revisions in the statistics for three months after the conclusion of the initial reporting period.

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FINAL ORDER REMOVALS: Top Nationalities in FY 2000 (Oct. - Sept.)

Country	Deportables	Inadmissibles	Total Removals	% Of Total	Criminal Removals	Non-Criminal Removals
Mexico	31,945	115,920	147,865	81	54,605	93,260
Honduras	1,718	2,750	4,468	2	1,308	3,160
El Salvador	2,002	2,382	4,384	2	2,001	2,383
Guatemala	1,329	2,675	4,004	2	1,117	2,887
Dominican Republic	1,809	1,428	3,237	2	2,116	1,121
Colombia	1,067	903	1,970	1	1,368	602
Jamaica	1,158	735	1,893	1	1,324	569
Brazil	93	937	1,030	1	67	963
Canada	319	661	980	1	469	511
Ecuador	186	645	831	0	179	652
Peru	200	481	681	0	209	472
China, People's Rep.	109	393	502	0	96	406
Philippines	324	146	470	0	271	199
Nigeria	262	175	437	0	261	176
India	108	328	436	0	78	358
Haiti	249	186	435	0	351	84
Nicaragua	225	208	433	0	247	186
United Kingdom	303	91	394	0	217	177
Trinidad & Tobago	200	141	341	0	202	139
Poland	84	232	316	0	69	247
Other Countries	2,880	3,585	6,465	4	2,538	3,927
TOTAL	46,570	135,002	181,572	100	69,093	112,479

Source: Office of Policy and Planning, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

Notes: 1. Total Removals = Criminal + Non-Criminal removals OR Deportables + Inadmissibles.

2. Figures include verified removals through September 30, 2000.

Removals by INS District in Major Metropolitan Areas (Oct. - September)

Location	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
Atlanta, GA	2,380	3,250	+37
Baltimore, MD	551	567	+3
Boston, MA	1,005	789	-21
Chicago, IL	1,931	2,136	+11
Dallas, TX	4,547	5,308	+17
El Paso, TX	16,880	12,955	-23
Houston, TX	7,038	8,988	+28
Los Angeles, CA	9,511	8,708	-8
Miami, FL	3,488	3,365	-4
New York, NY	4,054	3,995	-1
Newark, NJ	1,353	1,700	+26
Philadelphia, PA	1,583	1,849	+17
Phoenix, AZ	20,100	23,983	+19
San Diego, CA	65,948	63,424	-4
San Francisco, CA	4,701	4,524	-4